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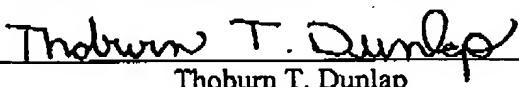
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Thoburn T. Dunlap**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed on June 16, 2006. A petition for a three-month extension of time up to and including December 16, 2006 is submitted herewith. Pursuant to C.F.R. § 1.7 it is believed that this response is timely filed since the last day for responding to the present response fell on a Saturday.

Please amend the captioned application as follows.